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By the KING,

A PROCLAMATION,

For giving Encouragement to Seamen and Able-bodied Landmen to enter themſelves on Board His Majeſty's Ships of War; for granting Rewards for diſcovering ſuch Seamen as ſhall conceal themſelves; for pardoning ſuch Seamen as have deſerted, and ſhall return into the Service; and alſo for taking up all ſtraggling Seamen.

GEORGE R.

WHEREAS for the ſpeedy Manning of Our Fleet, We did, by Our Order in Council of the Fourteenth of April laſt, amongſt other Things, direct, that the Bounties of Three Pounds for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, and of Thirty Shillings for every Able-Bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty-five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, ſhould be continued to be paid, immediately after the firſt Muſter, to ſuch Seamen and Landmen reſpectively, who ſhould, on or before the Second Day of June next, enter themſelves in the Royal Navy; and that the Rewards of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, ſhould likewiſe be continued to be paid to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who ſhould, on or before the ſaid Second Day of June next, diſcover any concealed Seamen, ſo that ſuch Seamen ſhould be taken for Our Service. —— And whereas Our Service doth at this Time require a more ſpeedy Supply of Seamen, Sea-faring Men, and Able-bodied Landmen, to ſerve on Board Our Ships of War, and it being Our Royal Intention to give all due Encouragement to all ſuch Seamen, Sea-faring Men, and Able-bodied Landmen, who ſhall voluntarily enter themſelves in Our Service: We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy Council, to revoke that Our former Order, and in lieu thereof to publiſh this Our Royal Proclamation; and We do hereby promiſe and declare, That the Bounties of FIVE POUNDS for every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, be paid to every ſuch Able and Ordinary Seaman, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall, on or before the Third Day of July next, voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board ſuch Tenders as ſhall be employed for raiſing Men for the Service of Our Royal Navy: And alſo that a Bounty of Thirty Shillings be paid to every Able-bodied Landman, not above the Age of Thirty five, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall, on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve in Our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of Our Ships, or the Chief Officers on Board ſuch Tenders as ſhall be employed for raiſing Men for the Service of Our Royal Navy: And that the ſaid reſpective Sums be paid to all ſuch Seamen and Landmen upon their being brought on Board Our Ships at any of Our Dock Yards in England, by the Clerks of the Cheque, or upon their being put on Board any Ship or Veſſel appointed to receive Men at Leith or Greenock in Scotland, or at Dublin or Corke in Ireland, by the Captains or Commanders of the Ships or Veſſels whereinto ſuch Seamen or Landmen ſhall be put, or by the Sea Officer employed in raiſing Men on Shore. And for Prevention of any Abuſes by any Perſons leaving the Ships or Veſſels to which they ſhall belong, and entring themſelves on Board any other Our Ships or Veſſels, in order to obtain the ſaid Bounty-Money; We do hereby declare and command, That ſuch Seamen or Landmen, belonging to any of Our Ships or Veſſels, as ſhall abſent themſelves from any of the ſaid Ships or Veſſels, to which they ſhall belong, and enter themſelves on Board any other of Our Ships or Veſſels, in order to obtain the ſaid Bounty, ſhall not only loſe the Wages due to them in the Ships or Veſſels they ſhall leave, but alſo be ſeverely puniſhed according to their Demerits. And We do hereby further promiſe and declare, That a Reward of Two Pounds for every Able, and Twenty Shillings for every Ordinary Seaman, ſhall be paid any Perſon who ſhall diſcover any Seaman or Seamen who may ſecret themſelves, ſo that ſuch Seaman or Seamen ſhall be taken for Our ſaid Service, on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, by any of Our Sea Officers employed for raiſing Men: The ſaid Rewards to be paid for any Seaman or Seamen ſo diſcovered and taken, in and about London, by the Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy; and, at the Out Ports, by the Naval Officers, or Sea Officers employed in raiſing Men on Shore; immediately upon a Certificate being produced to the ſaid Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of Our Navy, Naval Officers, or Sea Officers employed in raiſing Men on Shore reſpectively, by the Perſon who may make Diſcovery of any Seaman or Seamen as aforeſaid, certifying his Name, and the Name or Names and Number of Seamen procured in Conſequence of his Diſcovery; and the ſaid Certificate to be given by ſuch Officer as may take ſuch Seaman or Seamen for Our Service. And as an Encouragement to ſuch Seamen who may have deſerted from Our Ships to return to the Service, We do promiſe Our moſt gracious Pardon to all ſuch as ſhall repair on Board any of Our Ships or Veſſels by or before the Third Day of July next; and alſo to all ſuch who have deſerted, but are now belonging to ſome one of Our Ships, (in which Ship they are hereby permitted to continue.) And We do hereby further

further Declare, that ſuch Seamen who have abſented themſelves from any of Our Ships, and ſhall render themſelves on Board the ſame, or any other of Our Ships of War, by or before the Time abovementioned, ſhall not be proſecuted for ſuch their Deſertion; but that all ſuch Deſerters who ſhall not, on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, render themſelves on Board ſome of Our Ships or Veſſels of War, or who ſhall hereafter abſent themſelves from the Ships to which they belong, without Leave from the Commanding Officer, ſhall be tried at a Court Martial, and being found guilty of deſerting at this Time, when their Country ſo much wants their Service, they ſhall be deemed unfit Objects of Our Royal Mercy, and ſhall ſuffer Death according to Law. And We do hereby Require and Command, all Our Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs and Magiſtrates of the ſeveral Shires, Counties, Cities, Towns Corporate, and all other Places within Our Kingdom of Great Britain, to give the ſtricteſt Orders and Directions to the Conſtables, and other inferior Civil Officers, to take up all ſtraggling Seamen, not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, who ſhall be of Health and Ability fit for Our Service, and ſend them by careful Conductors to a Sea Officer employed in raiſing Men on Shore, or to the neareſt Sea Port Town, in order to their being put on Board Our Ships of War: Which Conductors ſhall be paid by the ſaid Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of ſuch Ships to whom ſuch Seamen ſhall be delivered, Twenty Shillings for each Seaman, and Six-pence a Mile for each Man, for every Mile they may reſpectively travel. And We do hereby likewiſe require and command all Our ſaid Juſtices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffs and Magiſtrates, to receive all ſuch Seamen and Seafaring Men, who ſhall appear before them, and offer to enter as Volunteers on or before the ſaid Third Day of July next, in caſe they are of Health and Ability fit for Our Service, and not above the Age of Fifty, nor under the Age of Twenty Years, and to grant to each Seaman a Certificate of ſuch his Voluntary Offer, and to cauſe them to be conducted in like Manner and with the ſame Allowances as above directed with reſpect to ſtraggling Seamen; and the Sea Officer on Shore, or the Captains of ſuch Ships, to whom ſuch Volunteer Seamen ſhall be delivered, ſhall pay to every ſuch Seaman, after his being ſo put on Board, (upon producing the Certificate aforementioned) the Bounties of FIVE POUNDS to every Able Seaman, and of Thirty Shillings to every Ordinary Seaman.

Given at Our Court at *Kenſington*, the Fifteenth Day of May, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine, in the Thirty Second Year of Our Reign.

GOD ſave the KING.

Hague, May 25. The French Army upon the lower Rhine is put in Motion, and Marſhal Contades is marched with the greateſt Part of it towards Siegen, as is ſaid, in his Way to Gieſſen. M. d'Armentieres is left with a conſiderable Force at Weſel. The Allied Army has likewiſe been put in Motion: Prince Ferdinand of Brunſwick was on the 23d Inſtant at Ham, and General Sporken, with the Corps from Munſter, at Dulmen. The Hereditary Prince was to be at Unna Yeſterday. Prince Henry of Pruſſia was arrived at Bamberg, and General Macguire, with his Corps, had taken Poſſeſſion of Nuremberg. The King of Pruſſia was on the 15th Inſtant ſtill at Landſhut.

Whitehall, May 11, 1759.

HIS Grace the Duke of Bedford, Lord Lieutenant, General, and General Governor of Ireland, doth hereby ſignify his Pleaſure, That all ſuch Officers of His Majeſty's Forces upon the Eſtabliſhment of Ireland, as are abſent, and not on the Recruiting Service, do repair immediately to their reſpective Poſts in that Kingdom.

By his Grace's Command,
Rich. Rigby.

Admiralty Office, March 13, 1759.

MY Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty having received many repeated Complaints of divers outragious Acts of Piracy committed on Board great Numbers of Ships, as well Engliſh as Neutral, ſailing in the Engliſh Channel, by the Crews of Ships or Veſſels being or pretending to be Engliſh Privateers:

Their Lordſhips therefore, in order to detect and bring to Juſtice the Perſons guilty of ſuch Piracies and Robberies, (in Violation of the Laws of Nations in general, and of this Kingdom in particular, and to the great Diſhonour thereof) are pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongſt ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall, within Three Months from this Time, diſcover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any ſuch Acts of Piracy as aforeſaid, ſo as ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof.

And in regard the Committing of ſuch Offences as aforeſaid are greatly encouraged by divers Perſons as Acceſſaries thereto, who knowingly aſſiſt, maintain, councel, or adviſe the Committing of ſuch Acts of Piracy, and alſo by Perſons who receive Goods ſo piratically taken, and entertain and conceal Offenders, knowing them to have committed ſuch Robberies:

Their Lordſhips therefore, in order to detect or bring to Juſtice the Perſons guilty of ſuch laſt mentioned Offences, are pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongſt ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall, within Three Months from this Time, diſcover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any ſuch Offences laſt mentioned, ſo as ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof. Which ſaid reſpective Rewards before mentioned, ſhall be paid, clear of all Deductions whatſoever, by Samuel Seddon, Eſq; Solicitor of the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of ſuch Offenders.

And as a further Encouragement, any of the ſaid Offenders, (other than and except the reſpective Commander or Commanders of any ſuch Piratical Ships or Veſſels) who ſhall diſcover any one or more of the ſaid Offenders, ſhall, on the Conviction of ſuch Offender or Offenders ſo diſcovered, be intitled to His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Pardon.

And their Lordſhips do alſo promiſe to grant, upon Requeſt, to every Perſon, being a Seaman, (who by making any ſuch Diſcovery or Diſcoveries, as aforeſaid, ſhall be intitled to either to the Whole, or to any Part or Parts of any of the above-mentioned Rewards) an abſolute Protection, to prevent his being impreſſed into His Majeſty's Sea Service, during this preſent War with France.

J. Clevland.

Admiralty Office, May 10, 1759.

His Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th of June, 1733, to eſtabliſh certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commiſſion and Warrant

rant Officers of the Royal Navy: These are to give Notice, that Copies of the said Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth; as also with the Clerks of the Checque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerness; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinsale; where all such Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the said Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpose. But such Widows as live at too great a Distance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to Mr. Charles Fearne, at the Admiralty Office, who will send them all necessary Information. And the Governors of the said Charity intending to distribute to the Widows of Sea Officers who died before the 30th of August 1732, as well as to the Widows of those who died since that Time, whose Circumstances come within the Rules of the Establishment, such Monies as may be due to them on the 31st of May Instant; This is to give Notice thereof, that any Widows who have not yet applied, and intend to lay in their Claims, may do so as soon as possible; and that all such Widows whose Claims have been already allowed, may send or bring to this Office, by the 31st of this Instant, the Affidavits required by the Rules, in order to their being continued upon the Pension or Bounty.

Navy-Office, May 17, 1759.

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury having appointed Money for paying Half Pay to Sea Officers, from the 31st of December 1757, to the 30th of June 1758, according to his Majesty's Establishment on that Behalf;

These are to give Notice, that the said Payment will begin to be made at the Treasurer of the Navy's Office in Broad Street, on Tuesday the 5th of next Month, at Ten of the Clock in the Morning, and continued the following Day, beginning at the same Hour: That all Persons may then and there attend to receive what may become payable unto them, and not only bring with them the Affidavit required touching their not having enjoyed the Benefit of any publick Employment, either at Sea or on Shore, during the Time they are to be paid the said Half Pay, but also produce Certificates that they have subscribed to the Test, and taken the Oaths required by Act of Parliament to his present Majesty. And in Case any of the said Sea Officers shall not be able to attend themselves to receive their Money, but employ Attorneys for that Purpose, that the said Attorneys may produce the like Certificates and Affidavits from the Persons they are employed by.

East-India House, May 23, 1759.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be held at their House in Leadenhall street, on Wednesday the 20th of June next, at Eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon: That the Transfer Books of the said Company's Stock will be shut on Thursday the 14th Day of the said June, at Two o'Clock, and opened again on Thursday the 12th Day of July next: That the Dividend Warrants on the said Stock, due the 5th Day of July next, will be ready to be delivered on Tuesday the 7th Day of August following.

May 25, 1759.

Whereas at a Meeting held at Preston in the County Palatine of Lancaster, on Tuesday the 17th Day of April last, in Pursuance of an Advertisement in the London Gazette, to receive the Names of such Gentlemen as were qualified to serve as Officers, and willing to accept Commissions in the Militia of the said County Palatine of Lancaster, a sufficient Number did not then offer, nor have since that Time offered themselves to accept Commissions in the said Militia; Notice is hereby given by His Majesty's Lieutenant, that all further Proceedings, for raising the Militia for the said County Palatine, are hereby suspended until the Month of March next.

SMITH STRANGE.

May 26, 1759.

The Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy and Freeholders of Surry, Sussex and Hampshire, are desired to meet at the House of William Savage, known by the Sign of the Red Lyon in the Town of Guildford in the County of Surry, on Monday the 11th Day of June next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, to consider of a Scheme for extending the Navigation of the River WEY from Guildford to Godalming in the said County; at which Time and Place all Persons interested in any Lands or Mills, which they apprehend may be affected by the intended Navigation, are particularly requested to be present.

In last Saturday's Gazette in the above Advertisement, the River Dee was inserted instead of the River Wey.

The Governors of the Charity for the Relief of Poor Widows and Children of Clergymen do hereby give Notice, That they will begin to pay the Widows Pensions on Wednesday in the Whitsun Week, being the 6th of June next, at the Queen's Arms Tavern in St. Paul's Church-yard, London, between the Hours of Ten and One o'Clock, and continue to pay the same, on Thursday the 7th, Friday the 8th, Wednesday the 13th, Wednesday the 20th, and Wednesday the 27th of the same Month, Wednesday the 4th of July, Wednesday the 1st of August, and Wednesday the 5th of September next, at the same Place, and between the same Hours.

Tho. Wall, *Register.*

Mercers Hall, London, May 28, 1759.

The Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery of Mercers of the City of London, in Pursuance of an Act of Parliament made in the Twenty fourth Year of the Reign of His present Majesty, do hereby give Notice to the Annuitants, and all other Creditors of the said Company, to meet a General Court of the said Company at Mercers Hall, London, on Thursday the 14th of June next, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, to consent to and approve of the Leases proposed to be made of Part of the said Company's Estates.

W. Cawne, *Clerk.*

Kighley and Kendal Turnpike Act.

By an Order of the said Trustees of the said Turnpike, Notice is hereby given, That they intend, at their next Meeting, (which is by Adjournment) appointed to be holden at the Sessions Court-house in Skipton, on Saturday the 9th Day of June next, to inspect the Contracts made by them with Mr. John Birtwhistle, in respect of the Making and Repairing Part of the said Road, and finally to settle, adjust, and determine, what shall be due to the said John Birtwhistle on Account of the said Contracts, and to give him a Security for what shall then appear to be due to him on the Tolls arising, or to arise on the said Road: And at the same Time and Place, all Persons that have any Thing to alledge in respect of such Contracts, and the Making and Repairing the said Road, are desired to attend: And the Treasurer's Accounts will be settled at the same Time.

Tho. Carr, *Clerk to the said Trustees.*

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Ships Companies of His Majesty's Ships the Lynn and Sphinx, who were actually on Board at taking the Francois au Haver, that they will be paid their respective Shares of the Prize as follows, viz. The Lynn on Board when she arrives in England; the Sphinx at Mr. Cotes's House in St. Martin's Lane, on Thursday the 28th of June next. And such Shares as are not then demanded, will be paid at Mr. Cotes's the first Thursday in every Month for three Years after.